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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for this application. The references cited on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in a Search Report for a corresponding European patent application, and is being filed within three months of receipt of that Search Report. Copies of the listed documents are attached.

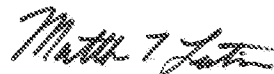
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached Form PTO-1449.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made by Applicants or that no better art exists. Further, it does not constitute an admission that each, any, or all of the listed documents are material or constitute prior art. If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute prior art under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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